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REMARKS

Amendments

Claim 1 above is amended to delete references to R⁴ and R⁵, which are redundant after the previous amendment). Claim 1 is also amended to delete references to "individual isomers" and "mixtures of isomers", as on reconsideration Applicants have realized that these terms do not either limit or expand the scope of the claim.

Restriction Requirement

Applicants appreciate the withdrawal of the restriction requirement made in the action dated January 14, 2003.

Rejection under §112, Second Paragraph

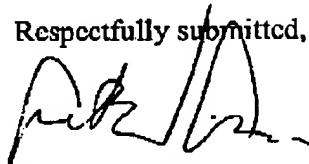
Claims 1, 27, and 28 were rejected as indefinite under §112, second paragraph, on the grounds that the scope of the claims was unclear from the amendment (after facsimile transmission).

The claims as presented above should now prove legible. Applicants have further amended claim 1 to delete the phrase "where R⁴ is hydrogen or alkyl and R⁵ is hydrogen, alkyl, or acyl", as well as the phrase "individual isomers, mixtures of isomers". Apart from those deletions, the remainder of the claims are "clean", and should be legible even after facsimile transmission.

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Applicants respectfully submit that all rejections of the pending claims have thus been overcome, and that the application has been put into condition for allowance. Applicants hereby request a Notice of Allowance for the same.

Respectfully submitted,



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